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SUBJECT: BLS SIMINAR ON THE TECHNIQUES OF MEASURING AND
ANALYZING PRICES, INCOME DISTRIBUTION, AND POVERTY IN RURAL
AND URBAN AREAS.

PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JOHN MCCRACKEN,
CHIEF, BRANCH OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING, BUREAU OF LABOR
STATISTICS TO MR. A. OJOMAIKRE, P.O. BOX 7894, LAGOS.

QTE DEAR MR. OJOMAIKRE: THE TITLE OF THE COURSE YOU
ASKED ABOUT IS: SEMINAR ON THE TECHNIQUES OF MEASURING AND
ANALYZING PRICES, INCOME DISTRIBUTION, AND POVERTY IN
RURAL AND URBAN AREAS. CONTENT OF COURSE: DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION, AND ANALYSIS OF PRICE INDEXES AND CONSUMER
EXPENDITURE SURVEYS, AND IN THE APPLICATION OF PRICE,
EXPENDITURE, WAGE AND OTHER INCOME DATA TO THE ANALYSIS OF
POVERTY AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION.

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SUMMARY OF COURSE: PART I - TECHNIQUES OF MEASURING AND
ANALYZING PRICES IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

(A) CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEYS: BASIC CONCEPTS;
SAMPLING TECHNIQUES; COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND PUBLICATION
OF DATA; AND CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEYS IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

(B) CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK; TARGET POPULATIONS AND SAMPLING TECHNIQUES; SELECTION OF SAMPLE ITEMS AND OUTLETS; DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFICATIONS; COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF DATA; HOUSING COMPONENTS OF THE CPI; CONSTRUCTION OF INDEX NUMBERS; SEASONAL ITEMS AND OTHER SPECIAL PROBLEM AREAS; PUBLICATION, PRESENTATION AND DISSEMINATION OF DATA; APPLICATION OF CPI IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

(C) WHOLESALE PRICE AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR INDEXES; EXPORT AND IMPORT PRICE INDEXES: USES AND CONCEPTS; SELECTION OF ITEMS AND RESPONDENTS; QUALITY ADJUSTMENTS AND DERIVATION OF WEIGHTS; COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND PRESENTATION OF DATA.

PART II - TECHNIQUES OF MEASUREMENT OF INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND POVERTY LEVELS IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.

(A) TECHNIQUES FOR ANALYZING DATA ON PRICES, INCOME AND POVERTY: SELECTED STATISTICAL TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES; PRICE DEFLATORS IN INPUT-OUTPUT ANALYSIS; PRICE DEFLATORS IN GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT MEASUREMENT.

(B) MEASUREMENTS OF INCOME AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION: DEFINITION AND CONCEPTS; SOURCES OF INCOME DATA; COMPARISON OF WAGES AND INCOME.
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(C) MEASUREMENT OF POVERTY IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS: TECHNIQUES FOR IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF POVERTY GROUPS; ANALYSIS OF LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF POVERTY GROUPS: ANALYSIS OF POVERTY UNDER ALTERNATIVE DEFINITIONS OF INCOME; FAMILY BUDGETS AND STANDARDS OF LIVING; HEALTH AND NUTRITION SURVEYS; MEASUREMENT OF RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE URBAN POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THE URBAN POOR; MEASUREMENT OF RELATIVE ABSOLUTE RURAL POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; MEASUREMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS IN RURAL AREAS; RURAL POVERTY - ISSUES AND PROBLEMS.

(D) ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARD GREATER EQUALITY OF INCOME DISTRIBUTION. METHODOLOGY: THE SEMINAR WILL PRESENT, THROUGH LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS THE BASIC PROCEDURES AND ALSO THE LATEST THEORY AND RESEARCH IN THESE FIELDS OF STUDY. THE SEMINAR WILL BE DEVOTED TO PRICE INDEXES AND EXPENDITURE SURVEYS, WHILE THE SECOND FOUR WEEKS WILL COVER THE ANALYSIS OF INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND POVERTY MEASUREMENTS.

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